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And Method for Manufacturing Same)

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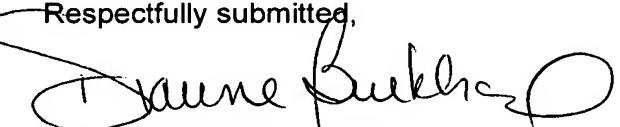
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent
Application:

1. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS
REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16
AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE
PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.
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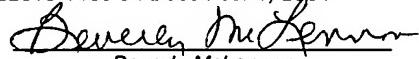
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows.